

JOSEPH RALPH McDONALD

Joseph Ralph McDonald was born January 30, 1924, at Salt Lake City, son of Storm and Verna McDonald.

"While in high school, I participated in music, commercial, and debating contests. I won highly superior ratings as trumpet soloist at regional music festivals and was offered musical scholarships to two universities. I placed first in a bookkeeping contest at the intermountain commercial meet at BYU in 1942 and was awarded a scholarship to BYU for this honor. I graduated from high school in 1942.

"In 1942 I began a pre-medical course at the University of Utah, and enlisted in the navy that same year. In 1943 I continued my pre-medical duty in the Navy V-12 Officers' Training Program. In September, 1944, I returned to the U. of U. college of medicine and received a doctor of medicine degree in August, 1947, at the age of 23.

"While in medical school I met and courted Marilyn Bertoch of Granger, Utah, then a student nurse at Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City. We were married in the spring of 1947, prior to my graduation.

"I had been intrigued by the beauty of the Northwest following a trip there with my parents in 1939. Therefore I applied, and was accepted, to interne at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland, Oregon. I stayed in Portland an additional year after my internship to get training in orthopedic surgery at the Portland Clinic, one of the oldest and largest clinics in the Northwest.

BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

"I entered private medical practice in Pendleton, Oregon, in October, 1949, but just one year later was recalled to active duty by the navy at the outbreak of the Korean War. I was loaned to the army and assigned to duty at Madigan Army Hospital, in the fracture and orthopedic service. My previous orthopedic training was very valuable in equipping me to treat battle casualties. During my military service I also served in Japan, in an army general hospital, and in Korea, where I was in charge of the fracture and orthopedic service at an evacuation hospital. I was discharged from the army as a captain in 1952.

"Upon discharge from military duty I returned to the general practice of medicine in Pendleton in association with two other physicians, Dr. W. R. Weissert and Dr. L. J. Feves, who is now president of the Oregon State Medical Society. I have served as president of the Umatilla County Medical Society and president of the Pendleton Hospital staff, and was secretary of the Eastern Oregon District Medical Society. I have been active in LDS Church work, serving as MIA superintendent and, with my wife Marilyn, as ward and stake dance directors. I have worked in scouting as a troop committee chairman and district committeeman. I am a director of a Pendleton riding club.

"As an avocation, I raise registered quarter horses and spend what time I can in riding and training them. I have always loved horses and get a lot of satisfaction in this activity. I try to arrange one fishing or hunting trip on horseback into the nearby Wallowa Mountains each year.

"We have four lovely children, a girl and three boys: Patricia Marie, Joseph Ralph Jr., Philip Storm and Kevin." 422